Response to Election Requirement Serial No. 10/580,287

Attorney Docket No. 06301/LH

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Yoji OHTSUKA, et al.

Serial No. : 10/580,287

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For : MANUFACTURING METHOD OF ABSORBENT

BODY AND ABSORBENT BODY FOR

DISPOSABLE DIAPER OBTAINED BY THE

METHOD

Art Unit : 3761

Examiner : Michele M. KIDWELL

RESPONSE- 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 28, 2009, the term for response to which expires on June 28, 2009.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1, 2 and 8, drawn to a manufacturing method for manufacturing an absorbent article, for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

This paper is being submitted via EFS-Web on June 26, 2009

In the event that this

Paper is late filed, and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrently herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not already paid, authorization to charge the extension fee to Account No. 06-1378. In addition, authorization is hereby given to charge any fees for which payment has not been submitted, or to credit any overpayments, to Account No. 06-1378.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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